

**PIMA COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE  
FOR THE SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL**

**4400 E. Broadway #300**

**Tucson, Arizona 85711**

**November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**Minutes**

**Committee Members Present:**

Ken Karrels, Ph.D. Chair  
Eleanor Schorr  
Joe Mucenski, Vice Chair  
Charlie Arbaugh  
Dave Ruitenbergh  
Susan Hyder, Vice Chair  
Elizabeth Edwards  
Mary Wetzel  
Barbara Carling  
John S O'Dowd  
Barbara Rhodes

**Committee Members Absent:**

Lanice Ameling  
Karol Basal

**ADVISORS PRESENT:**

Dr. Laura Nelson, ADHS Acting Deputy Director  
Margery Sheridan, ADHS Division Chief, Bureau for Consumer Rights  
Yisel Sanchez, ADHS HRC Coordinator  
Neal Cash, CPSA  
Noel Gonzales CPSA  
Michele Michelson- AZ Center for Disability Law

**PUBLIC PRESENT:**

Clarke Romans- Namisa  
Bella Yanez-Pascua Yaqui  
Melanie Roberts- Pacua Yaqui  
Roxanne Prillwitz-Our Place Club House  
Judy Tom

Issue	Discussion	Action/Outcomes	Responsible Party(ies)	Date Due
<b>Review of minutes from 10/28/08 meeting</b>	<p>October 28<sup>th</sup> 2008 Minutes</p> <p>Susan Hyder asks that her last name be removed and replaced with Susan Hodges from CPSA in the Advisor Present section on the first page.</p> <p>Barbara Rhodes asks that her name be listed on the last page rather than Barbara Carling.</p> <p>Michele Michelson asks that her last name be added on the front page under advisors present.</p>	<p>Motion made to accept minutes as amended.</p>	<p>John moves, Joe seconds that minutes be approved. All were in favor.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<b>Announcements /Public Comment</b>	<p>Roxanne reported the murder of a man who was a club house member. This man was known according to her as a quite and gentle person. He was murdered in a boarding home. The club house wants to honor Richard by making lots of noise in trying to make something happen. They currently have a petition out trying to make the public aware of what goes on in non supervised non licensed boarding homes. There have been reports of spoiled food being served and the use of drugs and alcohol.</p> <p>Judy reports that her sister passed away under Cope Care. She reported that her</p>	<p>Group sent out a letter explaining what happened to Tucson's Daily Star, but the letter has not been published as of yet.</p> <p>Group question whether or not to contact the local TV stations and advise the public this way.</p> <p>Ken asked that Judy stay after the meeting so that</p>	<p>Roxanne- Our Place Clubhouse/Coyote Task Force</p>	

	<p>sister was kept without electricity during the month of August. The apartment was infested with roaches and flies. She claims that although the cause of death was listed as hemorrhaging in the brain, the real cause of death was neglect on Cope part with knowledge. Due her not showing up to scheduled appointments her support was discontinued. Patient was SMI and didn't really understand what Cope wanted her to do and how to respond to their requests.</p>	<p>additional information such as her name and specific details as to what happened. This is just information needed so that the committee can begin an investigation. Committee is aware that this investigation will be after the fact.</p>		
<p><b>DBHS Report:</b> <b>Margery Sheridan</b></p>	<p>Margery contacted with some requests from Joe and Ken. First request was asking for M&amp;M to be attached to Incident and Accident report. Second request was that the date of birth not be redacted on the mortality report. Last request is that reporting process be automated so that there will be standard queries available in the database. Information was sent to IT, it will then prioritize request based on all the other things that are currently open at the Division. They have approximated March as when they can begin to work on this project.</p> <p>John mentions the ongoing need for administrative support. Time to go through reports and organize date so that committee can have a meaningful meeting every month. Committee hoping that the department will ask for part time help on site a couple days a week.</p>	<p>Yisel will be taking care of this rather than asking REBHA or ADHS QM department. Margery Reported that CPSA includes the age of the person on page two of the report in the text body. For ease of knowing from the very beginning of reviewing the report the month and day will be redacted but the year will be available.</p> <p>Joe asks if current M&amp;M reports will be entered in to system, Yisel confirms that this would be done. In the meantime, all reports requested will still be created by Yisel in the Access database.</p>	<p>Margery Yisel</p>	

<p><b>Dr. Laura Nelson- DBHS</b></p> <p><b>Neal Cash- CPSA</b></p>	<p>Dr. Nelson reported that all of the supported housing funds is state money not a title 19 reimbursement service. Currently struggling with what might happen with 09 budget and 2010. Any impact to non title 19 funding sources could also impact housing.</p> <p>Neal mentions that as providers have tried to do everything they possible can to try and generate as much housing as they can. Neal mentions that they are in a crisis of affordable housing right now. They have worked with DBHS and have been very successful, also worked with HUD.</p> <p>Joe asked Dr. Nelson is there was any possibility that DBHS could look into the possibility of helping Pima HRC push through some legislation on this issue. If group homes have them why can't boarding homes facilities be required to have them as well.</p> <p>Dr. Nelson mentions their current involvement with the department of housing in a collaborative consulting arrangement with the technical assistance collaborative task. DBHS should be receiving a Report from them in a couple of months where the experts nationally decide how to leverage the little bit of money they have for housing to make it stretch.</p>	<p>Dr. Nelson mentions that a discussion with the director would be needed to answer that question.</p> <p>Dr. Nelson mentions that if legislation did put something like this through licensing staff would be needed to be out conducting reviews and taking care of these licensing activities. At this time she's unsure if they could move forward with these plans.</p> <p>Clark mentions that CPSA and other providers over the years have taken steps to acquire units that they own. Could DBHS help/ weigh in on this?</p> <p>Noel mentions that any number is too many. There were no real number know.</p> <p>Neal tells Michele that they put together a scope of work for independent housing that requires providers to have staff on site in each housing unit and it has worked great.</p> <p>John mentions that there</p>	<p>Dr. Laura Nelson</p> <p>Neal Cash</p>	
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	<p>Mary mentions that it is not a question of blaming CPSA at all for inner agency problems. It's a systemic problem not individual. Mary asks if there are any numbers on how many people are homeless.</p> <p>Michele mentions that the problem that the do bump into with the board and care problem with the unlicensed settings particularly the examples where there are people who don't have the ability to take care of activities of daily living and nourishment is that they still come back to case management issues, quality of care issues and other services where housing is not a covered service, those wrap around services those support services and some of this is not title 19 money for SMI, and some could be title 19 for people who are in the service but system is not acculturated to providing sometimes that higher quality of service the dept of service and wrap around support so that even if they has someone in a non licensed setting they could ask themselves if they can take care of themselves.</p> <p>Dr. Nelson mentions that on the title 19 side there continue to be opportunities to really try to reimburse appropriately for case management services. Not sure if they could do much around future service rate setting next year. Adjustments will be made based on the direction they really want to see the system go.</p>	<p>are two issues that they have brought to the state or the local REBHA. The lack of parity in funding of mental health services between Maricopa County and Pima County this really impacts on levels of case management services and probably on housing. This is an ongoing problem, says that this is only one piece of the pie and that they should receive an equal share. Asking that DBHS people advocate in that because it would only be fair that the mentally ill people in Pima County received the same lever of services as in Maricopa County.</p> <p>Dr. Nelson says that they will be fighting hard to keep everything they have in 09 and 2010. Mentions that there will be a struggle to take it to the next level.</p> <p>Neal states that the vision is still there for the adult system. They know clearly that intensive recovery teams are the way to go they want to focus on recovery oriented help,</p>		
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	Department tracks ratios a lot more carefully on the kids side, they have been putting a lot more emphasis there in the last couple of years.	housing is critical and important.		
<b>Michelle-Crisis Report</b>	Michele reports that crisis report was a group effort from Pima County Human Rights Committee, NAMI Southern AZ, and AZ Center for Disability Law as they came together and talked about concerns within the crisis system. Meeting held November 24 <sup>th</sup> , Neal said that he would be responding to a letter that was sent out end of last week.	Michele looking forward to getting a sense of the data and what the system really looks like right now and what can be done to fill gaps.  Clark mentions that Neal received an outline of concerns and a couple of sketches of typical incidents.	Michele Committee	
<b>CPSA</b>	No updates from Noel Gonzalez at CPSA			
<b>Upcoming Meeting/ Events</b>	Next Meeting Date December 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2008  AZ Legislative Session Thursday December 4 <sup>th</sup> 10-2pm Location: Dodge	Adjournment 12:05 PM		